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[FROM YESTERDAY'S "EXTRA STAR,"]

## CAPTURE OF JEFF. DAVIS AND STAFF!

### His Camp Surprised at Irwinesville, Ga.

#### Official War Bulletin.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, May 13-10 p.m.  
Major General Dix, New York:

The following dispatch, just received from General Wilson, announces the surprise and capture of Jefferson Davis and his staff, by Colonel Fritchard and the Michigan Cavalry on the morning of the 10th instant, at Irwinesville, in Irwin county, Georgia.

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

MACON, Ga., May 12-11 a.m.—Major General U. S. Grant, Hon. Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.: I have the honor to report that at daylight of the 10th instant, Colonel Fritchard, commanding 4th Michigan, captured Jeff. Davis and family, with Reagan, Postmaster General; Colonel Johnson, A. D. C.; Colonel Morris, Colonel Lubbock, Lieutenant Hathaway, and others.

Colonel Fritchard surprised their camp at Irwinesville, in Irwin county, Georgia, seventy-five miles east of this place. They will be here to-morrow night, and will be forwarded, under strong guard, without delay. I will send further particulars at once.

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## LATER!

### The Capture of Jeff. Davis:

#### Very Interesting Details.

### Jeff. Making his way to the Sea-coast!

### His Camp Surrounded.

### A Mistaken Fight.

### Jeff. Attempts to Escape in his Wife's Clothes!

### His Big Boots Betray Him!!

### He Draws a Bowie Knife.

### A Revolver Brought to Bear upon Him.

### He is Open to Conviction!

### He Puts up the Bowie Knife!!

### Mrs. Davis Warns them not to Provoke the President!!

### "He Might Injure Some of 'em'!!!"

#### Official War Bulletin.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, May 14-11 a.m. 1865.  
Major General Dix, New York:

The following details of the capture of Jefferson Davis, while attempting to make his escape in his wife's clothes, have been received from Major General Wilson.

EDWIN M. STANTON.

MACON, Ga., May 12.—Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War.—The following despatch, announcing the capture of Jefferson Davis, has just been handed me by Colonel Minny, commanding 2d division:

HEADQUARTERS FOURTH MICHIGAN CAVALRY, CUMBERLANDVILLE, GA., May 11, 1865: Capt. T. W. Scott, A. G. Second Division.—Sir: I have the honor to report that at daylight yesterday, at Irwinesville, I surprised, and captured Jeff. Davis and family, together with his wife, sisters, and brother, his Postmaster General, Reagan, his private secretary, Col. Harrison; Col. Johnson, A. D. C. on Davis' staff; Col. Morris Lubbock, Lieut. Hathaway; also several important names and a train of five wagons and ambulances, making a perfect success, had not a most painful mistake occurred, by which the 4th Michigan and 1st Wisconsin collided, which cost us two killed and Lieut. Boutelle wounded through the arm, in the 4th Michigan, and four men wounded in the 1st Wisconsin.

This occurred just at daylight. After we had captured the camp, by the advance of the 1st Wisconsin, they were mistaken for the enemy. I returned to this point last night, and shall move right on to Macon without waiting orders from you, as directed, feeling that the whole object of the expedition is now accomplished.

It will take me at least three days to reach Macon, and we are seventy miles out, and outcocked much exhausted. I hope to reach Hawkinsville to-night.

I have the honor, &c.,

B. O. PRITCHARD, Lieutenant Colonel, 4th Michigan Cavalry.

The 1st Wisconsin belongs to Lagrange's brigade, of McCook's division, and had been sent due east by General Croxton, via Dublin. Colonel Minny had distributed his command all along the south bank of the Ocmulgee and Altamaha. This accounts for the collision between parts of the 1st and 2d divisions, and shows the zeal of the command in our pursuit. I have directed increased vigilance on the part of the command. Our dispositions are good, so far none of the rebel chiefs have been able to get through. Breckinridge's son was captured night before last eleven miles south from here. Will send further details as soon as received.

J. H. WILSON, Brevet Major General.

MACON, Ga., 9:30 a.m. May 13, 1865.—Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War: Lieut. Col. Harden, commanding 1st Wisconsin, has just arrived from Irwinesville. He struck Davis' trail at Dublin, Laurens county, on the evening of the 7th, and followed him closely night and day through the pine wilderness of Alligator Creek and Green Swamp, via Cumberlandville to Irwinesville.

At Cumberlandville, Col. Harden met Col. Pritchard with 150 picked men and horses of the 4th Michigan.

Harden followed the trail directly south, while Pritchard, having fresher horses, pushed down the Ocmulgee towards Hopewell, and thence by Hound Creek to Irwinesville, arriving at midnight, on Jeff. Davis had not arrived. From citizens Davis learned that his party were encamped two miles from the town. He made his dispositions, and surrounded the camp before day. Harden camped at 9 a. m. within two miles (as he afterwards learned) from Davis. The trail being too indistinct to follow, he pushed on at 3 a. m., and had gone but little more than one mile, when his advance were fired upon by men of the 4th Michigan. A fight ensued, both

parties exhibiting the greatest determination. Fifteen minutes elapsed before the mistake was discovered.

The firing in this skirmish was the first warning Davis received. The captors report that he hastily put on one of his wife's dresses and started for the woods, closely followed by our men, who at first thought him a woman, but seeing his boots while running, suspected his sex at once. The race was short, and the rebel President was soon brought to bay. He was also a bowie knife of elegant pattern, and showed signs of battle; but yielded promptly to the persuasion of the Col. Fritchard's, without compelling the men to fire. He expressed great indignity at the energy with which he was pursued, saying that he had believed our Government more magnanimous than to hunt down women and children. Mrs. Davis remarked to Colonel Harden, after the excitement was over, that "the men had better not provoke the President, or he might hurt some of 'em'."

Regan behaved himself with becoming dignity and resignation.

The party were evidently making for the coast.

J. H. WILSON, Brevet Major General.

## AMUSEMENTS.

### GROVER'S NEW THEATRE.

Pennsylvania Avenue, near Willard's.

GRAND SUCCESS! UNBROKEN ENTHUSIASM!

THIS (MONDAY) EVENING, May 15, 1865, will be presented Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe's great work

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN, with the best of characters ever selected for the stage.

Uncle Tom, Little Kate, and the Angelic Eva, Miss Susan Deane, as the Angelic Eva, Miss Martha Weston, as the Angelic Eva, Mrs. C. B. Baker, Mr. Hutchings, Mr. Hampton, Mr. Jennings, and its entire cast of its First Production on Thursday last.

Grand Family Matinee on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at Cheap Prices of Admission, my 15-17

### WASHINGTON THEATRE.

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CHANGE OF DAY.

LADIES MATINEES at this House will be given on WEDNESDAYS in future, until further notice.

SIGNOR STRINI'S SOIREE MUSICALE.

SEATON HALL, MONDAY EVENING, May 15, 1865.

SIGNOR STRINI, on this occasion, will be assisted by Madame CECILIA YOUNG KRETCH, who has been singing in the Music Store of St. Aloysius, Ascension, Epiphany and Trinity Churches of this city.

PROGRAMME—PART FIRST.

1. Quartette, "Ecco quel Fiero Lante," Donizetti

2. Gavotte, "La Folia," Donizetti

3. Duo, "Dimmi che m'ama," Campagna

4. Duo, "Two Piano," "Traviata," Verdi

5. Trio, "Lucia's Borgia," Donizetti

PART SECOND.

1. Sextet, "L'Alcova," Donizetti

2. Solo-Piano, "La Folia del Destino," Verdi

3. Solo-Piano, "Nabuccodonosor," Verdi

4. Duo, "La Folia del Destino," Verdi

5. Duo, "Quasi Amore," Donizetti

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## TRIAL OF THE CONSPIRATORS.

### IMPORTANT TESTIMONY.

#### FULL AND ACCURATE REPORT.

#### APPEARANCE OF THE PRISONERS.

#### First Day's Proceedings.

The Military Commission, for the trial of the conspirators who murdered President Lincoln, and attempted the assassination of other eminent men, on Saturday opened the Court room to the regular representatives of the press.

The detail of the Court, which sits daily in the old Penitentiary, near the Arsenal, consists of Major General D. Hunter, U. S. V.; Major General Lewis Wallace, U. S. V.; Brevet Colonel August V. Kautz, U. S. V.; Brigadier General Albin P. Howe, U. S. V.; Brigadier General Robert S. Foster, U. S. V.; Brigadier General John C. Smith, U. S. V.; Brigadier General W. M. Harris, U. S. V.; Brevet Colonel O. H. Tompkins, U. S. A.; Brevet Lieut. Col. D. R. Clendenen, U. S. A.; Brig. Gen. Joseph Holt, Judge Advocate and Recorder. John A. Bingham, Asst. Sec. of War; Lieut. H. L. Burnett, Assistant Judge Advocate.

Brevet Major General Harlan has been assigned to duty as special Provost Marshal General for the trial of the conspirators, and attendance upon the Commission and the execution of its mandates.

The prisoners arraigned and on trial are: David E. Herold, George A. Atzerodt, Lewis Payne, Michael O'Connell, Edward Spangler, Sam'l Arnold, Sam'l A. Mudd, and Mary E. Surratt.

The counsel for the prisoners are: The Hon. Henry Johnson, Senator of the United States from Maryland, for Mrs. Surratt.

Mr. Frederick A. Aiken, for Mrs. Surratt.

Mr. John W. Clamplitt, for Mrs. Surratt.

Mr. Frederick Stone, for Dr. Mudd and Herold.

Mr. Thomas Ewing, Jr., for Dr. Mudd and Arnold.

Mr. Walter S. Cox, for O'Laughlin.

Mr. William E. Doster, for Payne and Atzerodt.

The Commission having disposed of a portion of its business on Saturday morning, upon reference by the Hon. Henry Johnson, to the necessity of the names of counsel being entered upon the record, the President of the Commission (Gen. Hunter) said in relation to Mr. Johnson's appearance before the Court, that "there were either of the prisoners, I have a note from one of the members of the court."

"Mr. President: I feel it to be my duty to object to the admission of Mr. Henry Johnson, as counsel for the prisoners, on the ground that he does not recognize the moral obligation of an oath that is designed as a test of loyalty, or to enforce the obligation of loyalty to the Government, and to support this objection have the honor to refer the members of the court to his opinions on this subject published in a letter over his signature, and signed by the President of the new constitution of Maryland in 1861."

Mr. Johnson—May I ask you the member of the court is that makes that objection?

The President—That is not the objection; and if he had not made it, I should have made it myself.

Mr. Johnson said that it was difficult to speak of objection, since the President's opinion before him. That opinion could not be tortured by any reasonable man into any such conclusion. It was an utter misapprehension of his meaning, and an utter misapprehension of the meaning of the oath.

There was no member of the Court, including the President and the member that objected, who recognized the obligation of an oath more absolutely than he did; and he was not to be taken from his commencement to the present time, which would induce him for a moment to avoid a comparison, in a moral respect, between the oath of the members of the Court, and the oath of the members of the Court.

In this rebellion, which had broken down so many moral principles, it had been his pride to stand by the Government from the beginning to the present moment, and to support it to the end.

He said that the Government has thought it necessary to impose, and to do its duty faithfully in every department of the public service, as well as in its individual capacity.

He said that he was a member of the United States, where he was known, he forebore to say how it would be treated, because he knew the terms in which it would be treated.

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I then asked him if I had his permission to enter the door, and he said he had no objection, and I burst open the door and went into the room. There was a black couching up on the wall on the left hand side, and on the door, and I went towards the bed, and underneath the pillow or bolster found a pistol all loaded and capped.

I went down stairs and tried to find Major O'Beirne, my superior in the Provost Marshal of the Board of Enrollment; I saw him and came up stairs again with him, but it was dark, and we came down again, and he went out to a white handkerchief.

I then went to the proprietor, who gave me the number of the room, and we went up together. I then took the coat down. I found the pocket of the coat two books, which were numbered No. 1 and 2. The numbers on these articles were affixed by me. One book shows an account with the Ontario Bank for \$155. I then put my hand in the pocket again and took out a white handkerchief, on which "Mary E. Booth" on it. It is numbered 7.

I then pulled out the white handkerchief marked No. 6, and had a good deal of difficulty in opening it, and I found it was a book, but I think it is F. M. or F. A. Nelson. There was also a white handkerchief with the letter H in the corner. There was in the bank envelope, with the name of John H. Booth, a pair of white handkerchiefs, marked No. 20. There was also a colored handkerchief numbered 10, three boxes of Colt's cartridges, numbered 11, 12, and 13, and a piece of paper, on which I drew the cover of the bank book was written, "J. W. Booth, 33," and on the inside of the book was written:

"Mr. J. Wilkes Booth, in account with the Ontario Bank, Canada."

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I then also got this spur, No. 3, a pair of socks, No. 4, and two pairs of shoes, No. 5. The number of the room was 126—the next floor above where Vice President Johnson was at the time. I then examined the room, and I made a thorough search of everything in the room. I then went to the bed, took up the covering piece by piece, being careful to leave the marks as they were, and I found a bowie-knife, marked No. 1. I did not see the occupant of the room. He had come there the day before, and the clerk employed in the house said he would recognize the man who was with him the day before.

Mr. Cross-examined by Mr. Doster.—I am chief of the detective force of the Board of Enrollment of the District of Columbia. Major John H. Booth, who was with me at the time I had a conversation with an employee at the Kirkwood House, who said that a very suspicious, villainous-looking fellow took a room in the house, and that I described the man as described him to me. I think, though, that he had a gray coat on. I do not know that I ever saw Atzerodt to know him by name.

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